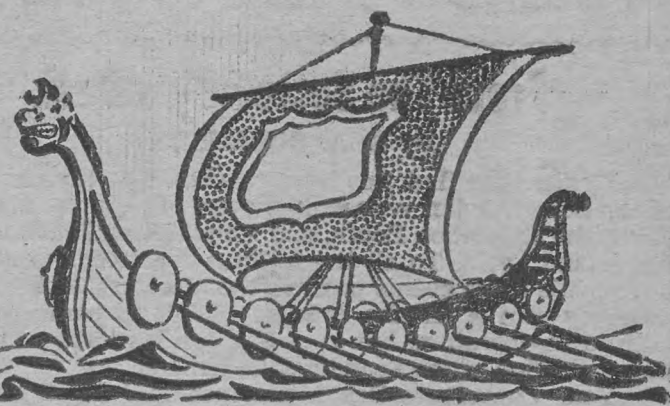




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FOUR PAGES

Vasa Lodge

Skandia No. 549

The July meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia was held at Pigeon Lake on July 2. Eric Kvarnberg of Buford Lodge donated wire to be used for rebuilding the fence on the south end of the Vasa property. Inauguration ceremonies were conducted when the following new members were welcomed into the lodge: Mr. and Mrs. Erling Winquist, 9041-85 St.; Mr. and Mrs. Victor Anderson, 7109-106 St. and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Melhous, 11608-79 Ave. Lunch was served after the meeting and dancing followed. The next two meetings will be held at Skandia Inn, Pigeon Lake on August 6 and September 3. The meetings to start at 8 p.m.

ANNUAL PICNIC — Members and families of Lodge Skandia held their annual mid-summer picnic on June 26 at Pigeon Lake. Despite the unsettled weather the day was a success, with the sun coming out at noon, drying the grounds so that all events could be run off as scheduled. Winners of some of the contests were as follows: Rolling pin throwing, Mrs. Avis Pearson; Slippery pile, Roy Samuelson; women's nail hammering, Mrs. Evelyn Modin; ladies' race, Barbara Nixon; mixed shoe scramble, Evelyn and Don Johnson; 3-legged race, Eddy Erickson and his daughter; wheelbarrow race, Ken Nixon and his son Ross; teenage boys' race, Ernie Pearson. The small children participated in races and were given prizes for their efforts. Refreshments were served at the end of the program. Members of Buford and Falun lodges also enjoyed the picnic.

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Buford

Vasa Lodge No. 577

The second annual midsummer weiner roast was marred by rain, but as quite a number of members came, the activities were moved indoors, to Clare Pearson's garage, and the weiners were boiled instead of roasted. Refreshments were served and dancing rounded out the evening to the music of Eric Kvarnberg and Ray Pearson. In spite of the rain a good time was had by all.

Twenty-five children from Buford Lodge attended Vasa camp week at Pigeon Lake the first week in July. All enjoyed the numerous camp activities with ideal weather every day. Con-who attended (from the three local lodges) on their achievements and the way they performed on the final Sunday. They did a splendid job and it is hoped that future campers will continue the high standard set at this year's camp meet. Wanda Margstadt, Rose Olson, Anna Wickstrom, Peggy and R. Floyd Modin were the volunteer workers from Buford Lodge for the week, from Buford Lodge.

At the June meeting chairman
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Parade Float



THE FLOAT THIS year was in line with the theme of the parade, "The Modern Trend." Five young Scandinavians invited the spectators to come aboard a shiny "Flying Sancer." The youngsters representing the five Scandinavian countries were: Sharon Sorenson in Norwegian costume; Judy Markstrom in Swedish costume; Mary Anne Christiansen in Danish costume; Joe Luhtala for Finland

and Patty Longmore, Icelandic. In charge of the float were K. L. Svidal, G. A. Larson and H. Markstrom. A special note of thanks goes to the J. I. Case Company management for their assistance. The kind co-operation of the Sunburst Motor Coaches was also greatly appreciated, as was that of many volunteer workers who helped.

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DANIA

(Danish Society)

A PICNIC AND FISHING TRIP — "Dania" is again calling for a trip. This year we will go to Wizard Lake located 20 miles southwest of Leduc. The committee in charge would appreciate your phoning either GA 4-5807 or GE-9-0506 if you have room in your car for extra passengers.

Please bring your own fishing gear and if you have a boat, bring that too, but without motor. There will be prizes for ladies and gents for the heaviest and longest fish caught. Bring your whole family and your own food, so you can enjoy an outing.

The time is August 28 at 10 a.m. We meet at the parking lot opposite the South Side Legion Hall at 10 a.m. and all start together to Wizard Lake, so please be on time.

"FUGLESKYDNING" — "Dania" would like to have their annual Fugleskydning on August 14, but so far we have not been able to locate a suitable place, so we will have to ask you to please listen to CKUA on Sunday, August 7 to find out where and when it will be.

EXHIBITION BOOTH — Mrs. Vera Nielsen would like to take this opportunity to thank all the ladies who were kind enough to give their time and effort in helping in the Scandinavian Centre booth at the Exhibition. A special thanks to the Norwegian ladies who were kept so busy in the kitchen.

Hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bernh. Petersen, Cam-

Finnish Society

A surprise birthday party was arranged to honor Mrs. M. Luoma on July 8, at her home. Many friends gathered to wish her a very happy birthday with the presentation of gifts and flowers on the occasion.

Mrs. Tony Leino was the guest of honor in the recent baby shower party, held by Mrs. V. Leino. Gifts with good wishes for the baby-to-be were presented to Mrs. Leino. The evening ended after the delicious luncheon was served by the hostess.

The meeting of Finnish Society's board of directors will be held on August 3, at 10515-133 Street.

Many thanks are in order to all those who helped in any way during the Exhibition week at the Scandinavian Centre booth.

Birthday greetings are extended to the following members of Finnish Society who all have birthdays during August: Mr. P. Utenen, Mr. T. Salomaa, Mr. A. Ruuth, Mr. V. Salomaa and Mr. Olavi Virtanen.

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rose, who will celebrate their silver wedding on August 11.

Happy birthday to the following who celebrate their birthday in August: Mrs. Hans Kyhl, Holger Eskelson, Mrs. Poul Anderson, Lauritz Hansen, Eigil Larsen, Mrs. John Nielsen, Mrs. Bruce Stetson and Mrs. Henning Petersen.

Sons Of Norway

Solglyt Lodge

Recent guests from Brantford, Ont. for the wedding of Miss Betty Sorenson were Mrs. P. Knight, Miss Carol Knight, Mr. R. Welsh and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Smuck.

Mrs. A. Olafson and her son Bernard visited briefly at Yellowknife.

Dr. and Mrs. B. Fleenty and infant daughter Crystal Miva travelled by air to spend a holiday in Eastern Canada.

Condolences go out to Mr. B. Wibe, who lost his mother in Oslo, Norway, on July 10.

TRAUSSEAU TEA HONORS BRIDE ELECT — On Thursday, July 22, Mrs. S. A. Sorenson entertained at a trousseau tea in honor of her daughter, Miss Betty Sorenson. Pouring tea were Mrs. B. Sorenson and Mrs. P. Knight.

REVIEW OF HIGHLIGHTS, FIRST 6 MONTHS, 1960 by Mrs. M. McDonald, convener — The half-way mark of the year ended with a mid-summer get-together at Cooking Lake on June 19 when members travelled by chartered bus and cars to the lake property of John Bilseth. A sociable evening was spent around the bonfire when a sing-song was much enjoyed, followed by good food and coffee provided by the members.

The Windsor Room of the King Edward Hotel was the scene of a well attended gathering in January when a full slate of officers were installed with an impressive cere-

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Icelandic Society

Friends of Mr. William Anderson will regret to hear of his recent and painful illness which confined him to bed with an infection in his foot. We wish him a complete and speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Peterson and two children, Carol and Doug, have been visitors at the homes of the Vigfussons in the city, and also with relatives in Grande Prairie. They returned to their home in Vancouver by motor.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bell and son Billy, of Langford, Vancouver Island, spent a few days as guests of the Alex Mitchell family enroute to visit friends at their former homes of Kitscoty and Radisson, Sask.. Mrs. Bell, the former Thora Palsson, is a cousin of Mrs. Mitchell.

Mr. Mundi Egilson of Vancouver has been a guest at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Curley Marvin.

An Elfros party was held recently at the home of Mrs. Alex Mitchell in honor of several former residents, now living elsewhere. It took the form of a farewell get-together for Mrs. Belle Hogan, mother of Mrs. Al Arnason, who was leaving to make her new home with her sons at Aldergrove, B.C., where they are engaged extensively in mink ranching. Mrs. Hogan was the recipient of gifts of remembrance from those present. The occasion was also an opportunity to honor Mrs. Helgi Paulson, mother of Mrs. A. E. Robertson who, in spite of her eighty-nine years enjoyed a plane trip from her home in Cloverdale, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Agnes Chamberlain of Portland, Oregon. Another guest, Mrs. Don Franko, the former Lottie Goodman, was leaving for her new home in Medicine Hat, where her husband and her brother, John Goodmanson have established themselves in business.

Sympathy is expressed to the Vigfusson and Halldorson families in Edmonton at the tragic news of death by drowning of Mr. Gordon Thorsteinson in Lake Manitoba, Saturday, July 16. Mr. Thorsteinson was a brother of Mrs. H. Vigfusson and a brother-in-law of Mr. Bill Halldorson. Mr. and Mrs. Halldorson and Mrs. H. Vigfusson went east to attend the funeral, held in Lundar, Man.

Visitors at the Steini Jonsson home in Jasper Place, and enroute to the Calgary Stampede were Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sigurdson of Ashern, Man. Mr. Jonsson is employed as a welder in the Virginia Hills district, near Whitecourt. During his absence, Mrs. Jonsson has continued her study of the piano and was among the successful candidates in passing her Grade V practical, Toronto Conservatory. Congratulations, Clara.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Hamilton and

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+ EDITORIAL +

From The Secretary's Desk

By S. A. SORENSON

By the time that this issue reaches you three big events of the Scandinavian year will be over, namely the Exhibition Float, the Exhibition Booth, and Annual Scandinavian Day at Elk Island Park. To all the faithful volunteer workers who have made these events possible the directors wish to extend a hearty vote of thanks. It is impossible to name the many faithful co-operators, but your assistance means so much in the realization of the Scandinavian Centre.

Your Canvassers Committee met on July 12 to discuss plans for the fall campaigns. Full announcement will be made of the new Shareholders' Campaign in the September issue. The two fall campaigns will be an all-out effort to secure our goal of \$100,000.00. Readers of this column, if you have any suggestions or wish to volunteer or help, be sure to phone your Secretary at GA 4-7311.

I want to wish all our readers a very happy holiday.

Progress And Change

It has been said that once growth ceases, decay sets in; thus if a project is to make continuous progress there must ever be change; new ideas and new talents, in order that the demands of the times be dealt with and the challenge of the future be faced.

It has been on this note that the Scandinavian Centre News has continued to advance during the past two years since the first step of organizing was commenced. With added work caused by greater demands for publicity, increased advertising and circulation, it became necessary to break down the different duties and add to the staff. All the work during the first year was carried out on a voluntary basis. Last fall a post of business manager was created and Lennart Petersson took on this responsibility which included keeping the accounts for the paper. This spring it was found that a separate department to look after circulation would be helpful and Mrs. Eileen Peterson accepted this post. Recently, Mr. Petersson resigned from his duties as business manager due to the time needed for this work in addition to long hours spent at his own position in business. Mrs. Peterson has agreed to take over this post also, so that she is now in charge of circulation and business management.

The directors of the Scandinavian Centre Co-op. Association wish to express sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Petersson for his valued service which he administered efficiently and without remuneration. They also hope that the new business manager may enjoy the continued co-operation and support of all concerned. They beg the forbearance of the advertisers and anyone else who may have suffered inconvenience due to the unavoidable delay in making the change-over.

The circulation of our paper has grown to nearly 3,000 from approximately 800 in November, 1958. The volume of advertising has doubled, and a sincere "thank you" is tendered the good people who make use of space in our paper to reach new customers. Our readers are again urged to take their business to firms who invest in advertising in our paper.

A big season is anticipated for the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association. More people must learn about it and of the plans for building the Centre. More and more shares will have to be sold. It all means work for able and willing minds and hands. The best brains will be needed — new ideas — constructive planning, and complete co-operation between groups and individuals. Changes must be made where needed whether in policy or personnel. There must be no doubt as to whether the job can be done. To succeed there must be unfettered enthusiasm and fearless determination. Much was accomplished during the past year. Let "progress" be the key-note for the coming season and "fulfilment" the aim.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Thomas Sarginson

Winnifred Johnson Weds July 23

In a wedding at Avonmore United Church, July 23rd, Winnifred Janice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sigurd Johnson, became the bride of Wayne Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sarginson of Edmonton.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore white lace over taffeta cocktail length gown and a cap of lace and seed pearls held her shoulder-length veil. She carried a cascade bouquet of red sweetheart roses and stephanotis.

Bridesmaid was Miss Joyce Sadowyk, who wore a cocktail-length gown of blue lace over taffeta and carried a semi-cascade bouquet of shasta daisies. Junior attendants were sisters of the bride, Misses Nancy and Susan Johnson.

Mr. Terry Massey was best man. Ushers were Mr. Art Elliott, cousin of the groom, and Mr. Bruce Johnson, brother of the bride.

For her daughter's wedding, Mrs.

Johnson chose a sheath dress of rose lace with matching jacket. She wore white accessories and a corsage of yellow roses.

The groom's mother chose a blue lace sheath with matching jacket and white accessories. Her corsage was of pink feathered carnations.

At the reception in the Paddock Banquet room, Mr. Don Johnson, uncle of the bride, proposed a toast to the bride.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sarginson left for their wedding trip to the States, and on their return will reside in Edmonton.

Sons Of Norway

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mony. Lunch was served at the close of the meeting.

The February meeting which was held the night of the 18th the lodge was honored with the pres-

ence of Einar Hammer of Supreme Lodge 2. After a short meeting the evening was thrown open to a combined Valentine and Leap Year party. Valentine lunch was served and an enlightening talk was given by Mr. Hammer. Dancing was enjoyed to the music of accordianist Karl Elgstrand.

March 19 was Calgary booster night when the members journeyed to Calgary by chartered bus to help swell the scholarship fund. Five couples of the Folk Dancing Club put on a demonstration of folk dancing under the direction of S. Arneberg.

April 9 was Edmonton Booster night when a large number from Calgary attended and all entered into the carnival spirit at the Masonic Temple. Games, dancing and entertainment provided a full evening of fun. Wieners, Danish pastry and coffee were served throughout the evening.

After a short meeting on May 20, the social hour took the form of a basket social with an assortment of elaborately decorated baskets containing good eats which were auctioned off to lucky bidders.

The sixth annual coffee party was held on May 1 when a large number turned out for a pleasant Sunday afternoon of meeting friends and enjoying a delicious lunch and coffee. The songs of the Welsh choir were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mr. S. A. Sorenson, president of the fourth district, gave a brief account of the history of the Sons of Norway Lodge, this being the 60th year since its inauguration.

May 17 was celebrated with a semi-formal banquet and dance jointly sponsored by Normann's Forbundet and Sons of Norway. A large attendance gathered at the Old Timers' Cabin to celebrate this highly honored Norwegian day.

To commence the last half of the year of 1960 the Sons of Norway will have their first meeting on September 16 when the theme will be "Holiday reflections."

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Vasa Lodge

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CHILDREN'S WEEK—The tenth annual camp week at Vasa Park began on Sunday, July 3, with an enrollment of 64 children. A committee of 16 adults were in charge, with Mrs. Betty Pearson and Mrs. Alice Johnson being responsible for the initial arrangements.

With perfect summer weather throughout the week, all outdoor activities could be enjoyed to the full. These were numerous and included swimming, treasure hunts, wiener and marshmallow roasts, ball games and handicrafts. Dancing was also part of the agenda for the older children.

The Swedish culture hour was conducted by Raul Nyroos, Peter Johnson, Rudy Sund, Floyd Modin and Mrs. Alma Samuelson.

On the final day, Sunday, July 10, a crowd of over 200 enjoyed an hour-long program of dancing, songs and P.T. by the campers. Floyd Modin was M.C. and Tore Ericson welcomed the audience in both Swedish and English. Prizes were awarded to the following for their accomplishments in swimming during the week: Yvonne Erickson, Michael Skogg, Warren Pearson, Grant Eklund, Susan Johnson, Wendy Wickstrom, Linda Aleanius, Janine Sund, Maureen Modin and Lois Ferguson. Each camper was given a crest as a memento of a wonderful week. Following the program lunch was served and the children were treated to ice cream.

Members having been patients in hospital during the past month were Oscar Champe, Sig. Johnson, Mrs. Lillian Collins and Mrs. Vergie Faucet.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Holmgren are on a two-week motoring vacation to Vancouver and will stop at Banff en route.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnson and family enjoyed a trip to Winnipeg recently when they visited relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lundgren and small daughter of Prince Albert, Sask., attended the Vasa picnic.

Mrs. Ella Peterson has had a cabin moved out to Vasa Park and is now residing there.

Fay Johnson was a recent visitor in Calgary where she visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harold spent their vacation at Vasa Park while their children attended children's week.

Bride elect, Miss Winnie Johnson was honored at a miscellaneous shower on July 18 at the home of

her aunt, Mrs. Evelyn Johnson. Roger Ogren is employed at Terrace, B.C. in a lumber camp. Mrs. Irma McMaster is spending a month's holiday at Vasa Park.

Mrs. Alma Samuelson and Mrs. Anna Sund are on a trip to Seattle where they will visit their brother. On return they will stop over at Vancouver and Victoria where they will visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Pearson have as their guest their grandson Curt Hughes, who also attended children's week at the lake.

Jimmy Markstrom is spending his summer holidays at the farm of his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Peck at Leduc.

Mrs. June Wood and family of Grand are visiting Mrs. Wood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Winquist.

Ms. Anna Lewis of Sacramento, Calif., accompanied by her young granddaughter, is spending a month's holiday visiting relatives in Edmonton and vicinity. She will spend some time with her mother, Mrs. Christine Kvarnberg of Camrose who is in her 93rd year, also with her brothers Eric Kvarnberg and Emil and family of Buford, and

sisters, Mrs. E. E. Buchanan and Mrs. F. O. Simmons and their families of Edmonton. Mrs. Lewis is a member of Vasa Lodge, Monitor, in her home city.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Pearson on the birth of a son on Thursday, July 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Envall and family are on a motor trip to Portland, Oregon, to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Nils Timo are holidaying at Lake Louise.

Exhibition Booth

Due to the efforts of a great many willing workers, the Scandinavian Centre booth was a success again this year.

The booth was under the direction of Mrs. Vera Nielsen and Mr. C. Quitzau, and a special word of appreciation goes to these two who were on the job almost continuously during the week of the exhibition. Also a sincere "thank you" is extended to all those who donated food or spent long hours serving.

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Buford

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Tony Lefsrud was absent and the meeting was conducted by vice chairman Floyd Morin. The by-laws committee presented its translated by-laws from Swedish to English, and recommended a few changes in keeping with changes in constitution and modern times. All recommended changes were passed and the translations accepted, and are now ready to be presented to the district executive members for their approval, after which copies will be reprinted so that each lodge member may be supplied.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Pearson and family recently motored to Spirit River for a short vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pearson motored to Saskatchewan for a holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Modin and family visited at Vegreville, Vermilion, Wainwright and Bruce after spending the first part of their holidays at Pigeon Lake. While at Wainwright they visited Oscar and Olive Bengtson, secretary and chairman of Viking Lodge. They also drove to the

Chauvin area where they attended a gathering at the Albert Swanson residence, consisting of the Bengtsons, Swansons, Nysetvolds and Mrs. Svea McLaddry. Floyd Modin in his capacity of vice district chairman, talked over lodge matters and encouraged them to continue as a lodge if at all possible despite the small enrollment of only ten members taking an active part. He suggested the possibility of moving the lodge from Chauvin to Wainwright, and then hold some function such as a smorgasbord in order to interest other Scandinavian people in Wainwright where there is a larger potential, in order to keep the lodge alive.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Kvarnberg celebrated their 43 wedding anniversary on Sunday, July 24 when their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kvarnberg entertained in their honor at a family gathering. The high-light of the day was the delicious smorgasbord supper served at 5 o'clock.

Icelandic Society

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Daughter Doreen of Wynyard, Sask., were Edmonton visitors at the home of Mr. Archie Hamilton. They were accompanied by a sister, Mrs. Gordon Hamilton of Dafoe, Sask., who was visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Dube.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Halldorson, Pat and Gerry spent their summer holidays at Jasper Park. They had as their guests Mrs. Halldorson's brother, Mr. Bruce Sitter and his son Bill from Wilkie, Sask.

The newly crowned queen of the Icelandic Society, Mrs. Freda Smith, will act as correspondent for the Scandinavian Centre News for the next two issues. We ask your kindness in telephoning any items of interest to her at GR 7-5557.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized on Saturday afternoon, July 23, when Verna May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elias B. Olson was united in marriage to Mr. William Kondratiuk, son of Mrs. Pawlyshn of Kamloops, and the late Mr. Leon Kondratiuk.

The Rev. Dr. Elliott performed the marriage rites and vocalist, Miss Ellen Smith and organist, Mr. Douglas Millson provided music for the service.

Miss Rose Tymko and Miss Barbara Hay were attractively gowned in bridesmaids' costumes, while Messrs. John Zack and William Sereda supported the groom. The

ring bearer was Master David Herbut. Mr. Stan Kondratiuk and Mr. William Herbut acted as ushers.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held in the Calder Legion Hall. During the sumptuous banquet, the toast to the bride was given by Mr. Jake Ruhl, and dancing was enjoyed by the assembled guests.

Sincere sympathy is expressed to the Maxson family of Markerville on the news of the death of Mr. Steve Maxson, on Monday, July 25, in Innisfail, after a lingering illness. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife Laura, his son Victor of Edmonton, daughter-in-law, and three grand-daughters, as well as three brothers and one sister. Burial services were conducted on Thursday, July 28, and interment took place in the Tindastol Cemetery.

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